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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the following amendment prior to examination on the merits.

## In the Claims

Please amend claim 37 to read as follows (a marked up version of the claim being attached hereto):

Claim 37 (amended). The management server as claimed in claim 36, wherein the consumer sends at least one information on the consumer and at least one information on the consumer's purchase planned for a preselected term or the consumer's planned action stepwise.

## **REMARKS**

The amendment merely corrects a typographical error which appears in the claim.

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